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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Yataro ICHIKAWA : Confirmation No. 1269
Application No. 09/869,904 : Group Art Unit 1754
Filing Date 07/09/2001 : Examiner Jonas N. Strickland
For: EXHAUST GAS TREATMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, AND VEHICLE EQUIPPED
WITH THE APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 30, 2004, the Applicant hereby amends and remarks about the above identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

IN THE TITLE

Line 1, delete "method and", and

Line 1, delete "therefor".

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, delete "a method and".

Page 2, line 18, delete "and reacted, and the".

Page 2, line 19, delete "decrease in the nitrogen oxides is insufficient too".

Page 2, line 21, delete "a method and".

Page 2, line 29, change "componen t" to "component".

Page 4, after "invention" of Fig 9 inserted between line 5 and line 6 in the preliminary amendment, July 3, 2001, insert as follows changing the line:

--Fig 10 is a plan view of another combination of a reaction zone device and an after-treating device for carrying out the invention.--.

Page 9, line 17, after "zone" insert --device--.

Page 9 line 19, change both "a capturing" to "an after-treating".

Page 13, line 28, delete "which can capture mist."

Page 13, line 31, delete "Water".

Page 13, line 31, after "device 5." insert--When water is used as an after-treating medium, water--.